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In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 09/982,177)	
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Filed: October 19, 2001)	
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For: DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM,)	March 8, 2005
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AND IMAGE PROCESSING)	
APPARATUS	:	

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2004, please amend the application as follows: